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PRESIDENT SPOKE TO THE POINT

WILSON'S MESSAGE IS ONE OF MODERATION AND WISDOM

PRAISES CONGRESS FOR GOOD WORK, ASKS FOR MORE, AND ASSURES COUNTRY OF MAINTENANCE OF PEACE

Washington, Dec. 8.—Today marked the eighth appearance of President Wilson before a joint session of the House and Senate. There was a scramble for tickets to the galleries and by noon all the galleries were filled and a long line outside.

The president delivered his message in person. Following is a synopsis of his words.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen of the Congress: The session upon which you are now entering will be the closing session of the Sixty-third Congress, a Congress which will long be remembered for the great body of thoughtful and constructive work which it has done, in loyal response to the thought and needs of the country.

While we have worked at our tasks of peace the circumstances of the age have been altered by war. What we have done for our own land and people we did with the best that was in us; but it is done. It is now an established part of the legislation of the country. Its effects will disclose themselves in experience. What chiefly strikes us now is that we face new tasks.

World Affairs Upset by War

War has interrupted the means of trade not only but also the processes of production. In Europe it is destroying men and resources wholesale and upon a scale unprecedented and appalling. There is reason to fear that the time is near when several of the countries of Europe will find it difficult to do for their people what they have hitherto been always easily able to do. At any rate, they will need our services as they have never needed them before; and we should be ready, more fit and ready than we have ever been.

Latin American Trade

It is of equal consequence that the nations whom Europe has usually supplied with articles of manufacture can now get only a small part of what they formerly imported and look to us to supply their all but empty markets. This is particularly true of the states of Central and South America. Their lines of trade have hitherto run to the ports of Europe. Here are markets which we must supply, and we must find the means of action. The United States should be ready, as never before, with its resources and its means of distribution.

Neglected Our Opportunities

To speak plainly, we have grossly erred in the way in which we have

stunted and hindered the development of our merchant marine. And now, when we need ships, we have not got them. We have year after year debated the best policy to pursue with regard to the use of the ores and forests and water powers of our national domain in the rich states of the west, when we should have acted; and they are still locked up; the door shut fast at which thousands of vigorous men, full of initiative, knock clamorously for admittance. The water power of our navigable streams outside the national domain also, even in the eastern states, where we have worked and planned for generations, is still not used as it might be, because we will and we won't; because the laws we have made do not intelligently balance encouragement against restraint. We withhold by regulation.

I have come to ask you to remedy and correct these mistakes and omissions, even at this short session of a Congress which would certainly seem to have done all the work that could reasonably be expected of it. The time and the circumstances are extraordinary, and so must our efforts be also.

A Chance to Retrieve Ourselves

Fortunately, two great measures, finely conceived, one to unlock, with proper safeguards, the resources of the national domain, the other to encourage the use of the navigable waters outside that domain for the generation of power, have already passed the House of Representatives and are ready for immediate consideration and action by the Senate. With the deepest earnestness I urge their prompt passage.

Philippine Self-Government

And there is another great piece of legislation which awaits and should receive the sanction of the Senate: I mean the bill which gives a larger measure of self-government to the people of the Philippines. How better, in this time of anxious questioning and perplexed policy, could we show our confidence in the principles of liberty than by thus going calmly forward to fulfill our promises to a dependent people?

A Merchant Marine

But I think that you will agree with me that this does not complete the toll of our duty. How are we to carry our goods to the empty markets of which I have spoken if we have not

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STORM KING RULED ATLANTIC SEABOARD

WRECKED SHIPS, LOST LIVES AND SHATTERED PROPERTY ATTEST HIS WRATH

New York, Dec. 8.—The North Atlantic storm is abating today. It is known there were five deaths. The property damage is estimated at \$1,000,000 from Hatteras to Eastport.

LIVES LOST FROM A LINER

The liner Comas, has wirelessed that two passengers from New York were washed overboard.

ABSECON ISLAND SUFFERED

Property on Absecon Island was damaged a quarter of a million. Mrs. Ruth Millican was drowned and several people are missing.

WAS FELT ALONG THE COAST

Reports of damage to shipping are coming from the New England coast.

A dozen liners are overdue. The telegraph wires are paralyzed. The New York and New Orleans liner Momus is anchored off Sandy Hook, calling for assistance. Two tugs have been sent to bring her in.

MAKING READY FOR A GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Co-operative Meeting of Governors Will be Held Next Month in Chattanooga

Chattanooga, Dec. 8.—The governors of Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Georgia and Florida will meet here January 11, to adopt a co-operative plan for a good roads movement.

A PROPOSITION

The Florida Power Company proposes to sell the city of Ocala Electric Current at Dunnellon at 1 1-2 cents per K. W. H. The City to construct a line from Ocala to Dunnellon.

—OR—

The Power Company will sell the city current delivered to the switchboard of the city plant at 2300 volts, at 2 cents per K. W. H.

The City to enter into a ten year contract with the Power Co. It being distinctly understood and agreed upon, however, that the city is to have the privilege of terminating the contract at the end of two years by giving the Power Company thirty days notice.

As evidence of its faith in the above proposition the Power Company suggests that the Light and Water Committee of the City Council, and a committee of three appointed by the President of the Board of Trade, acting jointly, select a competent consulting engineer to pass on the merit of the proposition. Should the engineer advise the city to reject both propositions, the Power Company agrees to pay for the examination and report of the engineer.

ALLIES TODAY HAVE THE WORST OF IT

PENDULUM SWINGS TO THE GERMAN SIDE IN POLAND

FIERCE ATTACK OF KAISER'S TROOPS SUCCESSFUL AGAINST BRITISH AND FRENCH IN FLANDERS

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Over 100,000 Russians were captured when Lodz was occupied by the Germans, according to the unofficial report. Warsaw is now the goal of the German armies in Poland.

Operations in Poland, which have developed into the bloodiest battle in the history of the world, are declared to be approaching a decisive climax.

It is officially announced from the western theater of war that all the allies' attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses to the assailants.

The Russian reports of a German defeat at Czesochowa are denied.

FRENCH ADMIT DEFEAT

Paris, Dec. 8.—Taking advantage of the fierce gales which have rendered the allies' war fleets in the North Sea helpless, the Germans brought sudden pressure to bear against the extreme left wing of the allied armies and beat the Belgians back.

The Germans pushed their long range artillery forward along the Nieuport and Furnes road and are now shelling Oost, which is only fifteen miles from Dunkirk.

The allies on the outskirts of Ostend were forced to retire.

The allies' swing around the German right was effectually checked.

French troops have occupied Vermelles.

The artillery battle continues in the Champagne district and east of the Meuse.

A German aviator flew over Hazebrouck and dropped a bomb, killing ten people.

STACKING UP THE STAPLE

MORE BALES COTTON GINNED THIS YEAR THAN LAST BY A MILLION

Washington, Dec. 8.—The government census report today shows, 13,066,105 bales of cotton ginned to December first against 12,088,412, in the same time last year.

SWEDES LOSE ANOTHER SHIP

Mine Brings Death to Over a Score of Peaceful Men

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—The Swedish steamer Nvora Sverige was sunk by a mine off the Swedish coast, and twenty-one of her crew drowned.

ALLIES ARE BORING IN

DRIVING A WEDGE IN GERMAN LINE TO CHECK ADVANCE ON DUNKIRK

London, Dec. 8.—A news dispatch says that British troops have recaptured Passchendaele, a town of Flanders between Ypres and Roulers. If this is true, it means that the allies have driven a wedge into the German line to force the retreat of the Germans near the coast.

WINNING IN EAST AND WEST

SUCCESS CLAIMED BY GERMANS ON ALL SIDES

Berlin, Dec. 8 (Official).—This afternoon the Germans captured the French positions at Melancourt.

In the east, the Germans are closely pursuing the retreating Germans. The reported French advance in the Argonne is denied.

DRIVING THEM TO DUNKIRK

IS OBJECT OF GERMAN FIERCE AND SUSTAINED ATTACK

Rotterdam, Dec. 8.—Fighting has resumed along the Yser river in West Flanders with redoubled vigor. The German reinforcements have reached the front. It is believed the Germans are making another drive for the French coast.

One of those silver mounted shaving sets at the Court Pharmacy will make a much appreciated Christmas present for him. 8-tf

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